

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT—Continued.

Mr. Justwed returns from the Banktellers' Banquet.



"Ev'nin, m' dear!" he exclaimed with a silly smile.

"THAT is not so, Homer," said Mrs. Justwed decisively. "I did not and I would not say that I want you to stay home tonight. What I did say was that I can't understand how a married couple can be married just one year and want to go out and leave his wife by herself for an entire evening! That is not my idea of a happy married life—far from it!"

"But, Blossom," objected Mr. J., with a great show of patience. "It's only one evening and besides—it's my duty to go!"

Mrs. J. smiled dubiously.

"Duty? Isn't it odd how eager you men are to consider a thing your duty—if it happens to be a pleasant task! Duty? Humph! For us, us women, somehow, it is always an unpleasant, disagreeable task that we must consider our duty. I daresay—"

"Now listen to me a moment, Blossom," interrupted Mr. J., "and look at it in a sensible light. Tonight is the biggest night of the year for the boys in the banks. It's the annual banquet of all the bank tellers and other employees of all banks in the city. It's the one opportunity of the entire year when all of us—from the presidents down to the errand boys—meet on common ground. Not infrequently it leads to a man's getting a better offer from one of the other banks. But, aside from its business possibilities, it's the one great occasion when we can all get together—a sort of—er—er—gathering of the clans, as it were. If I am absent—"

"That's just it—get together—a gathering of the clans—that's just it!" exclaimed Mrs. J., triumphantly. "I may be an unsophisticated, glib woman, Homer Justwed, but I do know what 'get together' etc., means in men's vocabulary! You men can't have a quiet, sensible evening together in a decent sort of way—you've got to—what do you call it—'whoop it up!'"

"For goodness' sake, Blossom!" expostulated Mr. J. in a manner that indicated his inability to present further argument.

"I know what I'm talking about!" continued Mrs. J. "Father used to tell

Mommer the same things you've told me and then he would come home—"

Mr. J. wheeled around on his heel grimly.

"Now that's enough, Blossom!" he commanded peremptorily. "We'll say no more about it. I'll not go. I'll stay home with you—and dandle and draw around the flat—and try to think up some excuse for my absence. Just as soon as you bring 'Mommer' into the argument I might as well pass out of the deal cold. She had your father bound hand and foot to her apron strings—and she's been mighty successful in teaching you how to bring up a husband in the way he shouldn't go! That's enough! I won't go! And now I hope you're satisfied!"

With that, Mr. J. brought his fist down upon the table with a resounding whack and glanced up at Mrs. J. angrily.

But Mrs. J.'s face was wreathed in smiles and her eyes fairly danced with happiness.

"Oh, you dear!" she cried.

"Huh? What?" mumbled the astonished Mr. Justwed.

"You're a dear—just the best husband a woman ever had!" continued Mrs. J. rapturously. "I am so happy!"

"Hum—um—m!" growled Mr. J. "I daresay you are!"

"Oh, but you needn't stay home!"

Mrs. J. hurried on. "In fact, I wouldn't even think of having you miss the banquet!"

"Huh?" exclaimed Mr. J.

"No, indeed, Homer!" explained Mrs. J. gaily. "You see, the fact that you were willing to forego the banquet just because I wanted you to prove that you don't care as much about it as you do about pleasing me—doesn't it? That was what was worrying me! I was afraid you cared more about going—and that this occasion would be but the beginning of a long series of evenings at home by myself. You see? Hurry, now, dear, or you'll be late."

"Well!" gasped Mr. J., completely flabbergasted. "I'll be doggone!"

A half hour later Homer dear kissed Mrs. J. hurriedly and fairly raced out of the flat with the parting injunction ringing in his ears:

"Come home early, Homer, for I shall be very lonely, and I'd wait up for you! Have a good time, dear—and don't drink too much!"

The time sped by slowly. Mrs. J. sewed a while, then read, then sewed again. She called up several friends on the phone and chatted with them. Then she lay down on the divan with a magazine. Presently she fell asleep. Sometime later—12:30, in fact—she was awakened by the rumble of a carriage stopping in front of the apartment. She listened a moment in idle curiosity. Then she heard Mr.

J.'s whistle.

"What!" she thought anxiously. "Can Homer be coming home in a carriage?"

She flew to the window and raised the sash.

"Oh, Mrs. Justwed," called a masculine voice—which she recognized plainly as belonging to Smith-Jones—"come down and—pick out your husband!"

It all happened so quickly that Mrs. J. scarcely comprehended the meaning of his words. She pulled down the sash and hurried to open the apartment door.

Presently a man came staggering up the hall. His top hat hung over his right ear at a perilous angle, his tie was awry and he dragged a light overcoat behind him, fully half of it trailing along on the floor. From the other hand dangled a paper bundle.

Mrs. J. rubbed her eyes and looked again.

It was Homer-dear!

"Ev'nin, m' dear!" he exclaimed with a silly smile.

"Oh!" gasped Mrs. J., clutching her heart wildly.

"Little late, Blossom, but—but'm all here!"

"Oh!" cried Mrs. J. for the second time.

"Had a fine—hic—time. All goo' fellows! Brought you a—hic—present."

m' dear—some o' th' feed. Wrapped it all up—whe! Who's that over in—hic—corner?"

"Oh!" shrieked Mrs. J. for the third time. "How could you?" Homer-dear walked unsteadily over to the divan, threw his hat and coat at rather than on it, and yawned loudly.

"Um—um—m!" he exclaimed. "Neve's so tired in all m'days! Guess I'll—hic—turn in. But call me early—m' dear—for I'm to be—hic—Queen of th' May!"

Mrs. J. gave one despairing glance at the tottering Homer-dear, put both hands before her eyes and collapsed into a chair.

Presently she looked up—against her will almost.

There was Mr. J. sitting quietly in a chair opposite her, puffing leisurely on a cigarette and fairly shaking with laughter.

"Ha! ha!" he roared. "Fooled you that time, didn't I, Blossom? You really thought I had come home 'soused,' didn't you? I'm not a bad actor, eh?"

Mrs. J. sat bolt upright. She could scarcely comprehend the sudden transformation. But she soon found her tongue.

"Well!" she exclaimed, "you may think a thing of that sort is funny, Homer Justwed, but I don't! It's a low, mean, common thing to do—and shows how little you care about me! I don't—"

"But Blossom, dear," interrupted Mr. J., still laughing. "I only started it as a joke, coming up the hall, and when you seemed so sure I was intoxicated I just couldn't resist the temptation to keep it up. Why, you ought to have tumbled right away. 'Come pick out your husband' and 'Queen of the May'—they're both bum jokes so old that they have whiskers. Everybody knows them. Really, you don't know how tragic you were. I guess I'm a bad actor when it comes—"

But Mrs. J. had sailed majestically out of the room—mad clean through.

And before the week was out it had cost Mr. J. a box of candy, a hundred violets and an evening at the theater to square himself.

CARVEL CALVERT HALL.

PRICES MARKED DOWN

Alarming Illness of King Edward Upsets Market.

STOCK SALES NOT LARGE

Proportion for London Account is

Greater Than Usual and There is no

Reason Why Passing of English

Succession Should Effect Securities.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 6.—Explanation for the action of financial markets turned to the principal news event of the day, the alarming illness of the king of England. The marking down of prices at the New York Stock Exchange was intended obviously as an adjustment to an expected shock. The actual volume of sales was not large, but the proportion for London account was greater than usual. There is no clear reason why the passing of the English succession to the throne should affect the value of American securities or, for that matter, English securities. The precedent of the death of Queen Victoria showed financial markets unruffled. The present situation differs in some respects both political and financial.

Views in Wall street on this matter were vague, but their influence in begetting a cautious spirit in the speculation was none the less on that account. As it happens the money position in London is extraordinary strong.

The sensitiveness of the New York market to bad news was increased by the fact of the sharp advance which has occurred in the course of the two previous days, sufficient profits had accrued to offer inducement for selling to realize. There was disappointment perceptible over the lack of formal confirmation of the reports of bond sales to foreigners.

The stock market was not left without support and an effective mid-session rally resulted from these operations. It was accompanied by special strength at one or two points, especially Brooklyn Transit. That stock and Chesapeake & Ohio were influenced by rumors of dividend increases. A rally also followed the publication of the preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement. From these it appeared that the banks have been gaining large sums in cash by receipts from the interior. The money market was easier today both on call and on time, in consonance with this promise. Bonds were irregular. Total sales,

par value, \$2,381,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales, 716,800 shares, including: Amalgamated Copper, 46,800; American Smelter, 33,900; Atlantic Coast Line, 200; Chesapeake & Ohio, 10,600; Louisville & Nashville, 600; Norfolk & Western, 2,100; Reading, 131,600; Sloss Sheffield, 200; Southern Pacific, 53,700; Southern Railway, 600; pfd., 200; Union Pacific, 128,700; United States Steel, 137,400; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 1,300.

Closing List.

Allis Chalmers pfd	35	35
Amalgamated Copper	65 1/2	65 1/2
American Agricultural	42 1/2	42 1/2
American Beet Sugar	45 1/2	45 1/2
American Can	9 1/4	9 1/4
American Car & Foundry	58 1/2	58 1/2
American Cotton Oil	64 1/4	64 1/4
American Hide & Leather pfd	41 1/2	41 1/2
American Ice Securities	24 1/2	24 1/2
American Lined	13	13
American Locomotive	46 1/2	46 1/2
American Smelting & Refin	76 1/2	76 1/2
American Smelting & Refin pfd	102	102
American Steel Foundries	55	55
American Sugar Refining	123 1/2	123 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	144 1/4	144 1/4
American Tobacco pfd	94	94
American Woolen	34 1/2	34 1/2
Anaconda Mining Co.	40 1/4	40 1/4
Atchison	108 1/2	108 1/2
Atchison pfd	101 1/2	101 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line	121	121
Baltimore & Ohio	108 1/2	108 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	27 1/4	27 1/4
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	78 1/2	78 1/2
Canadian Pacific	184 1/2	184 1/2
Central Leather	41 1/2	41 1/2
Central Leather pfd	106	106
Central of New Jersey	27 1/2	27 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	75	75
Chicago & Alton	40	40
Chicago Great Western	26 1/4	26 1/4
Chicago Great Western pfd	51 1/4	51 1/4
Chicago & North Western	149 1/4	149 1/4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	48	48
C. C. & St. Louis	80 1/4	80 1/4
Colorado Fuel & Iron	47 1/4	47 1/4
Colorado & Southern	61 1/4	61 1/4
Consolidated Gas	133 1/2	133 1/2
Corn Products	14 1/2	14 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	163	163
Denver & Rio Grande	49	49
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	78 1/4	78 1/4
Distillers' Securities	30 1/4	30 1/4
Erie	28 1/4	28 1/4
Erie 1st pfd	44	44
Erie 2nd pfd	35	35
General Electric	144	144
Great Northern pfd	134 1/4	134 1/4
Great Northern Ore Cls.	63 1/4	63 1/4
Illinois Central	33 1/2	33 1/2
Interborough-Met	20 1/4	20 1/4
Interborough-Met pfd	53 1/4	53 1/4
International Harvester	91 1/2	91 1/2
Inter-Marine pfd	17	17
International Paper	11 1/2	11 1/2
International Pump	46	46
Iowa Central	19 1/2	19 1/2
Kansas City Southern	42 1/4	42 1/4
Kansas City Southern pfd	66	66
Laclede Gas	99 1/2	99 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	144	144
Minneapolis & St. Louis	42 1/4	42 1/4
Miss. St. P. & Sault St. M.	134	134

Missouri, Kansas & Texas . . . 40 1/4

Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd . . . 68 1/2

National Biscuit . . . 101

National Lead . . . 75

Natl Rys. of Mexico 2nd pfd . . . 38 1/2

New York Central . . . 119 1/4

New York, Ontario & Western . . . 43 1/2

Norfolk & Western . . . 101 1/2

North American . . . 70 1/2

Northern Pacific . . . 128 1/2

Pacific Mail . . . 25

Pennsylvania . . . 141

People's Gas . . . 107

Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis . . . 99 1/2

Pittsburg Coal . . . 37 1/2

Pullman Palace Car . . . 160

Railway Steel Spring . . . 48

Reading . . . 156 1/4

Republic Steel . . . 43 1/4

Republic Steel pfd . . . 97

Rock Island Co. pfd . . . 43 1/2

Rock Island Co. pfd . . . 88

St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd . . . 46 1/4

St. Louis Southwestern . . . 29 1/4

St. Louis Southwestern pfd . . . 72

Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron . . . 72

Southern Pacific . . . 123 1/2

Southern Railway . . . 35 1/4

Southern Railway pfd . . . 59 1/2

Tennessee Copper . . . 26

Texas & Pacific . . . 31 1/4

Toledo, St. Louis & West . . . 37 1/2

Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd . . . 63

Union Pacific . . . 179 1/4

Union Pacific pfd . . . 92 1/2

United States Realty . . . 72 1/2

United States Rubber . . . 40

United States Steel . . . 81

United States Steel pfd . . . 117

Utah Copper . . . 42 1/2

Virginia Carolina Chemical . . . 56 1/4

Wabash . . . 19 1/4

Wabash pfd . . . 42 1/2

Western Maryland . . . 44

Westinghouse Electric . . . 62 1/2

Western Union . . . 68 1/4

Wheeling and Lake Erie . . . 4 1/4

tried to buy, but found the market almost bare of offerings.

The close was firm with a net gain of 1/4 cent to 1/2 cent. Corn finished 1/4 cent to 1 cent up, and oats a shade to 1/2 cent. Provisions showed a loss of 15 to 32 1/2 cents.

Articles Open High Low Close

Wheat—

May . . . 112 1/2 113 1/2 112 1/2 113 1/2

July . . . 104 1/4 105 1/4 104 1/4 104 1/4

Sept. . . 102 1/2 103 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2

Corn

May . . . 60 61 1/2 60 61

July . . . 62 1/2 63 1/2 62 1/2 63

Sept. . . 63 1/2 64 1/2 63 1/2 63 1/2

Oats—

Sept. . . 30 1/2 31 1/2 30 1/2 31 1/2

May . . . 41 1/2 42 1/2 41 1/2 42 1/2

July . . . 40 1/2 41 1/2 40 1/2 41 1/2

Mess Pork, per bbl.—

May . . . 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2

July . . . 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2

Sept. . . 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2

Lard, per 100 lbs.—

May . . . 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2

July . . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

Sept. . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—

May . . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

July . . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

Sept. . . 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds:

Gold coin, \$851,442,869.

Silver dollars, \$489,601,000.

Silver dollars of 1890, \$3,743,000.

Silver certificates outstanding, \$489,601,000.

General fund:

Standard silver dollars in general fund, \$2,301,436.

Current liabilities, \$104,604,171.

Working balance in treasury offices, \$21,259,895.

In banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, \$35,284,172.

Subsidiary silver coin, \$21,562,523.

Minor coin, \$1,110,798.

Total balance in general fund, \$82,155,297.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Money on call, easy. 3/4 cent; ruling rate, 3/4; closing bid, 3/4; offered at 3/4. Time loans, easy; sixty days and ninety days, 4 per cent; six months, 4 1/4 per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 to 4